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Standout Senior: Josh Foster

Nadia Mahallati
Editor-In-Chief

Josh Foster was recently recognized as one of two recipients of the North American Interfraternity Conference (NAIC) Award of

lives." Foster was nominated by his fraternity, Pi Kappa Alpha, and will travel to Washington, D.C. next month to accept his award.

"This Award of Distinction reflects my efforts throughout my collegiate career to abide by my fraternity's goal of making me a better scholar, a better leader, a better athlete, and more of a gentleman than when I arrived at this University," Foster said.

Foster, a Lincoln, Nebraska native, has also served as president of Pi Kappa Alpha, ASuop President, and was awarded USA Today's third USA Academic Team last month. Next year he hopes to enter a PhD program for economics, but is still waiting for an acceptance.

Foster is not fazed by his rejections into several UC programs. "Regardless, I am a complete person and ready for the real world. If I'd change anything, it would be to focus more on academics."

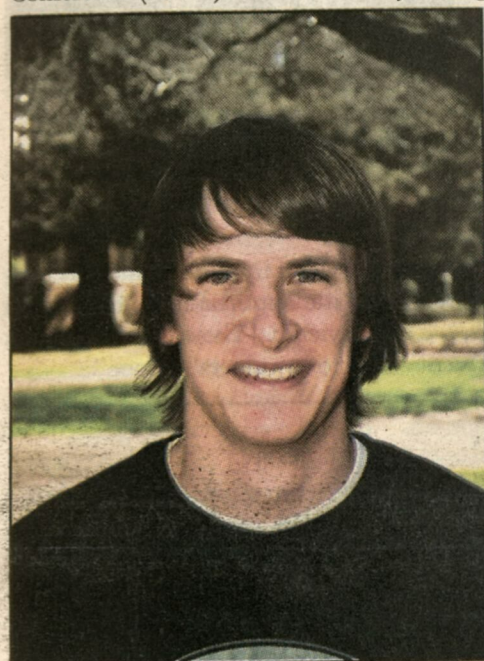
He advises other students: "If you want to get a PhD, study in the classroom. But if you want to be successful in the real world, study outside the classroom."

In the future, Foster would like to see "ASuop become a stronger organization overall. I hope I've started that trend. There are many things changing [at Pacific] right now that I won't be a part of. This campus will be entirely different with a different dynamic. I'd like to see the new buildings be successful and for Pacific to become a more vibrant and successful university."

Foster is pleased with his four years at Pacific.

"I have gotten the most out of Pacific I possibly could have," he said. "Thinking about it now, I wouldn't have chosen to go anywhere else because of what I've accomplished. I'm proud to be a Pacifican, and proud to graduate from University of the Pacific."

The Pacifican will be highlighting the achievements of outstanding seniors every week until the end of the semester. If you, or someone you know, would like to be recognized, please email us at pacificaneditors@pacific.edu, subject: Standout Senior.



Photograph courtesy Rhashad Pittman

ASuop President Josh Foster will receive an Award of Distinction from the North American Interfraternity Conference.

Distinction. NAIC represents 71 different fraternities, 5,500 chapters, and 350,000 undergraduate members. The award is given to fraternity members for "advancing the ideals of fraternity in their daily



Drawing courtesy of www.stonecreek-village.com

This rendering of the soon to be completed Stonecreek Village shows a central outdoor mall area surrounded by retail stores and restaurant.

Stockton to Lure Upscale Consumers

Abby Liao
Staff Writer

Stonecreek Village, located at Pacific Avenue and Robinhood Drive and formerly inhabited by Kmart, will be the first upscale shopping plaza in Stockton.

Construction began in February 2007 and is expected to be complete in the spring of 2008. Developers Stone Brothers and Associates decided to bring new retail

and dining options to the community.

Stonecreek Village will offer a variety of national retailers, specialty boutiques, restaurants, and cafes. Currently, confirmed tenants include Eddie Bauer, Talbots, J. Jill, Ann Taylor LOFT, Coldwater Creek, Lane Bryant, Cacique, Aveda, Jos A. Banks, Boudin SF, Juice It Up, REI, and BJ's Restaurant & Brew House, which opened in the fall of 2007.

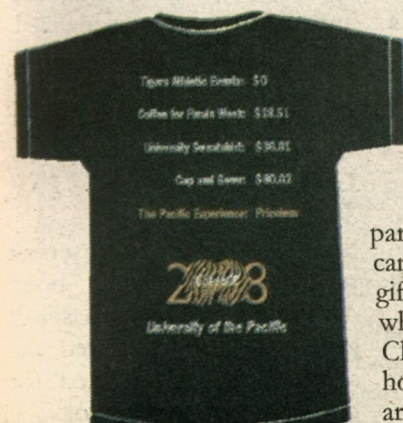
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Senior Class Gift Builds Momentum

Adam Ellison
Guest Writer

With only eight weeks remaining until Commencement, the Class of 2008 is banding together to raise funds for our Senior Class Gift. This year's gift will go to the Pacific Fund from which a grant will be made to the Alex and Jeri Vereschagin Alumni House, scheduled to break ground in spring 2009.

It is crucial that each of us contribute in order for the Class of 2008 to leave a strong legacy at Pacific. While finances may be tight for many of us, that does not preclude our participation in this campaign. The suggested gift level is \$20.08 (for which you will receive a Class of 2008 T-shirt), however gifts of all sizes are greatly appreciated.



Think of your gift as a token of gratitude to the University for providing you with an enriching college experience that will bring you closer to actualizing your dreams.

As of Friday, March 21, 14% of our class has contributed \$2,517. Don't delay in doing your part to help build an Alumni House that we will enjoy during the countless reunions and alumni gatherings that lie ahead. Each of us will take great pride in our accomplishment when we present our gift to President DeRosa and Provost Gilbertson at Commencement.

For more information or to donate to the Senior Class Gift, visit www.pacific.edu/seniors or the "2008 Senior Class Gift" page on Facebook, stop by Hand Hall 220, or call 946-2500.

Senior Class Gift - Campaign Progress

	Class of 2008 (as of 3/21)	Class of 2007 Total	Class of 2006 Total	Class of 2005 Total
Dollars Raised	\$2,517	\$12,748	\$5,760	\$5,353
Percent of Class Participation	14%	57%	41%	35%

For a list of this year's donors to the Senior Class Gift, see page 3

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Campus Safety a Priority at Pacific

Andrew Mitchell
News Editor

Located in midtown Stockton and operating an independent police force, University of the Pacific tries to maintain the relative peace on campus that faculty and students appreciate.

It is no small task for the 13 officers that comprise the University Police.

According to Michael Belcher, the Director of Public Safety, there are two facets with regards to safety: safety and the perception of safety.

"We try to impact both," he said when asked about the University Police's role protecting campus. "This is the time to educate students to take control of their own lives."

Belcher, a retired lieutenant from the Stockton Police Department, possesses a wealth of knowledge about criminal activity in Stockton.

The crime numbers for

AUTO BURGLARIES	Jan.-Nov. 2006	Sept.-Nov. 2006
Pacific	66	38
Stockton	4570	1271
S.J. Delta College	72	33

2006 give a comparison of incidents in the city of Stockton and on campus.

One of the lingering problems for the Stockton area is auto thefts. In 2006, The Stockton area ranked second in the nation for per capita auto thefts. From January to November 2006, there were

Auto Thefts Per Capita in U.S.

RANK	METROPOLITAN AREA
1	Las Vegas/Paradise, NV
2	Stockton, CA
3	Visalia/Porterville, CA
4	Phoenix/Mesa/Scottsdale, AZ
5	Modesto, CA
6	Seattle/Tacoma/Bellevue, WA
7	Sacramento/Arden-Arcade/Roseville, CA
8	Fresno, CA
9	Yakima, WA
10	Tucson, AZ

66 auto burglaries on or near the Pacific campus. For the entire city during the same time period, 4,570 vehicles were burglarized.

"Stockton has its issues," said Belcher, acknowledging the reality of crime in the city. Belcher also cautions against firmly concluding that

Stockton is a crime-ridden city. Based on Belcher's two branches of safety mentioned above, students and families form a perception of Stockton as unsafe.

Belcher stresses is that students need to constantly process what is going on around them.

"You'd better give the appearance that you are aware of your surroundings," he advised. "Ninety percent of

victimization is someone taking the opportunity to make you a victim. They constantly look for a vulnerable spot."



Photograph by Jessie Lucas

Professor Alan Lenzi prepares to lock the door to a lecture hall at the beginning of class. This is one example of safety precautions Pacific is implementing to boost security in the classroom.

BURGLARY WEBER HALL 3-17-08

Officer responded to a report of the ceiling caved in. Officer determined someone tried to enter a faculty member's office through the ceiling via the third floor. The subject apparently fell into the office and left.

FIRE BURNS TOWER 3-17-08

Alarm company reported a pull station activation. Officer and fire responded. Officer advised something burned in the break room.

SUSPICIOUS INCIDENT MORMON PARKING LOT 3-17-08

Officer conducted a checkout on an unoccupied vehicle. Officer advised of a gun in the vehicle. Officer has one detained. Officer advised the gun is an air soft pistol and the subject was released after interviewing.

ALARM WEBER HALL 3-17-08

Officers responded to a report of a burglary alarm from the building. Officers checked the building and determined building was clear.

NOISE COMPLAINT 850 DAVE BRUBECK 3-17-08

Officers responded to a noise complaint from the back area of the complex. Officers made contact and advised the partygoers to take it inside.

TRAFFIC CRIMINAL BROOKSIDE RD 3-18-08

Officer initiated a traffic stop at Brookside and Manchester. The driver failed to yield. Officer terminated pursuit of the vehicle for safety. SPD was advised and officer initiated a report.

CASUALTY BROOKSIDE FIELD 3-18-08

Officer responded to a report of a male subject with a possible dislocated knee. Victim refused medical and will seek his own medical treatment.

AUTO BURGLARY LOT 6 3-18-08

Victim reported his vehicle

burglarized. Victim states his "B" permit was stolen. Officers could not determine how the vehicle was entered as there was no force used to make entry. Officer initiated a report.

ACCIDENT LOT 10 3-18-08

Subject came into DPS to report he knocked over a stop sign. Officer initiated a report of the incident.

SUSPICIOUS INCIDENT PERSHING AVE 3-18-08

Officer conducted a checkout on a male subject with a shopping cart. Subject was interviewed and warned for the violation.

TRAFFIC ACCIDENT LOT 10 3-19-08

Driver backed into an emergency vehicle in the parking lot. A report of the incident was initiated.

CASUALTY MAIN GYM 3-19-08

Officer responded to a report of a male subject who fell. Subject refused medical attention. Officer initiated a report.

THEFT MONAGAN HALL 3-19-08

Victim reported the theft of her wheels from her bicycle. Officer initiated a report.

THEFT BAUN FITNESS 3-19-08

Victim reported his cell phone was stolen when it was left unattended. Officer initiated a report.

THEFT GRACE COVELL 3-20-08

Victim reported her bicycle was stolen. Suspects cut the cable lock. Officer initiated a report.

THEFT TOWERVIEW APT

UNIVERSITY OF THE PACIFIC DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY WEEKLY REPORT March 16 to 22, 2008

3-20-08

Victim reported his bicycle was stolen. Suspects cut the cable lock. Officer initiated a report.

UNIVERSITY REG PACIFIC AVE 3-21-08

Officer conducted a checkout on a male subject jay walking. Subject was cited on a University regulation.

NOISE COMPLAINT KAPPA PSI 3-21-08

Officer responded to a report of yelling and screaming at the fraternity. Officer met with the residents and agreed on ending the event at a certain time. Residents complied with the request.

VANDALISM SCHOOL OF ED 3-22-08

Staff reported the stakes for the new trees were lying on ground and some were vandalized. Officer initiated a report.

SUSPICIOUS INCIDENT LOT 1 3-22-08

Security officers observed several subjects with open containers outside the baseball game. Officer contacted the subject who was warned for drinking in the parking lot.

Literary Cuisine Focused On Classic Novel

Christine Le
Copy Editor

Last Thursday over 20 Pacific staff, faculty, students and alumni enjoyed good conversation and a specially made lunch in the Regents Dining Room during the first Literary Cuisine of the semester.

The lunch commenced with Fred Gertler, Dean of the Library, welcoming everyone and presenting Dashiell Hammett's *The Maltese Falcon*, the focus of Thursday's Literary Cuisine.

"One of the characters in the novel was inspired by a former criminal from Stockton, known as the 'Midget Bandit,'" Gertler remarked. "It's so interesting to learn how we are a part of the making of one of the greatest novels of all time."

Lunch was prepared by Bon Appetit straight from the menu of John's Grill in San Francisco, which is the restaurant where the novel's main character dines. It included Caesar salad, New England clam chowder, seafood cannelloni with sherry cream sauce, and pecan pie for dessert.

"The food was lovely

and very San Francisco-ish," commented Pauline Finnegan, an alumna of Pacific. "This was a delightful way to enjoy company and talk about a really great novel."

There was also a raffle for a statue of the falcon from the novel as well as for a DVD of the film made after the novel.

In addition, there will be two showings of the film at the Pacific Theatre. The 1931 version will be shown Mar. 30, and the 1941 version on Apr. 27. Both versions will be shown at 2 p.m.

The next Literary Cuisine, which will center on *The Last Dinner on the Titanic*, will be held Apr. 15. The following one will focus on the history of the Salsa dance and will include a Salsa dance lesson.

For those interested in attending the two remaining Literary Cuisines this semester, registration is \$10 for each one and can be done at http://www.cafebonappetit.com/pacific/cafe_literarycuisine.asp.

One can also make suggestions for future Literary Cuisine topics by joining the Literary Cuisine Facebook group: <http://pacific.facebook.com/group.php?gid=2405160543>

Jessie Lucas
Staff Writer

Grace Covell Lounge was abuzz with excitement March 7 at the Math Steeplechase. Three elementary schools, all geared toward "college for certain," competed for awards and trophies. The participants consisted of extremely enthusiastic 4th and 5th graders.

There were three sections of the competition, each completed by one school at a time. There was a campus tour, a scavenger hunt, and finally, the math competition itself.

All around campus, children anxiously looked for the next clue on their scavenger hunt, educating them on Pacific Trivia.

Inside Grace Covell Lounge were many tables, each occupied by a group of six students and a volunteer from Pacific's Education Department. At each station, participants were faced with individual math problems to solve, not being able to receive help from the Pacific students.

Math Competition Challenges Youngsters

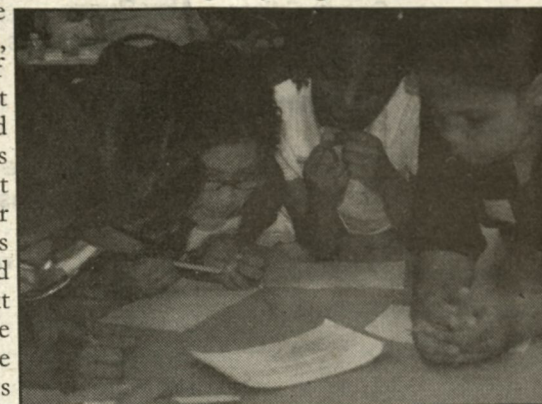
The last station was a challenge question, and this year the challenge was to make a five-point star out of a circular piece of string.

At the ring of a bell, a great sigh of disappointment was issued from the tables that had not yet solved their problem as they proceeded to the next table. The school with the greatest success in the math competition gained recognition for their school and took home the sweepstakes trophy.

This event occurs every year and was founded by Tara Runnels, a past president of the Math and Science Education club at Pacific. When Runnels started the competition, only one elementary school, River Oaks, competed. Since then, it

has grown to three schools.

There are many hopes the competition will grow even more, an opportunity that will give young students from San



Photograph by Jessie Lucas

Elementary school students participated in the Math Steeplechase competition at Pacific.

Joaquin County a chance to demonstrate their academic success.

The math competition was organized by Gregory Potter, a professor in the Bernard School of Education and hosted by Pacific's Math and Science Club.

STONECREEK, continued from front page

"An upscale shopping mall would boost sales and property tax revenue for the city," said

Steve Carrigan, economic developer director for the City of Stockton. The developers

believe that this is a first step to making Stockton a more attractive place to live.

Senior Class Gift - Honor Roll of Donors as of March 21

Thank you to all the individuals who have already generously donated! Make your gift today and add your name to this impressive list.

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Pi Sigma Alpha

Welcomes you to join us for an evening of food, music, and fun!

When: March 29th from 5:15-8:15

Where: Grace Covell Hall, U.O.P

Cost: \$8 General Admission

\$4 Student Admission (with ID)

\$4 Child Admission (12 and under)

Raffle Tickets: \$1.00 each or 10 for \$5
Admission includes spaghetti, salad, bread, and dessert.

.Food

.Music

.Raffle Prizes (yoga baskets, restaurant certificates, etc.)

Help us encourage the continued enrichment of the intellectual climate on and off campus in the political science field! For questions or to purchase tickets please call Meagan Hamby at 209-688-3131 or Dari Sylvester at 209-946-2007

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Thursday at noon. Meetings are in
Knoles Hall, Room 212. Everyone is
invited. We want to hear from you!

**July 1 marks
statewide headsets**

On July 1, two new laws will go into effect. One will make it illegal for anyone over 18 to use a hand held phone while driving. The second will prohibit any driver under 18 from using either a hand held phone or hands-free device while driving. Governor Schwarzenegger signed the bill into law stating "the 'Hands-Free' cell phone bill will save lives by making our roads safer."

While the state is showing concern about drivers navigating with one hand on the wheel, we, at the Pacifcan, feel that there are other things that can be just as distracting and cause accidents. California driving is already bad enough: you could be cut off or nearly side swiped by someone who isn't talking to anyone or making a turn with phone cradled between their chin and shoulder. Passengers are one very significant distraction. The California DMV finds passengers to be such a distraction that drivers under 18 are not even allowed to have any passengers under age 20, at any time, for the first 12 months. In 2001, Harvard University found 5 percent of automobile accidents to be cell phone related. However, this figure may include text messaging, which is even more dangerous than holding a phone to your ear.

Not only are people driving down California freeways while text messaging, they are reading the paper, putting on makeup, and eating breakfast. We, at the Pacifcan encourage our peers, and everyone else, to avoid any activity while driving that could possibly cause an accident. Eliminating handsets is not the only solution to eliminating distraction on our roads.

**Drinking in America:
Getting the Facts Straight**

Lindsey Ball
Staff Writer

I have heard time and time again that the drinking age in the United States is too high. Many claim that when a person is old enough to die at war, they should be old enough to drink. However, at the age of 18, has not reached the maximum level of maturity. Perhaps years ago, 18 years old was an age of maturity, but children are maturing slower. Today's children do not have as many responsibilities as children one hundred years ago. College kids nowadays are typically very well taken care of by their parents and do not develop a sense of responsibility until they are thrown into the real world. If the drinking age were lowered, I see my peers them taking advantage of the adjusted policy and drinking even more. Experimenting college students should not have the right to buy alcohol. We will only continue the excessive binge drinking and partying that began in high school.

Many believe the drinking age should be lowered because most countries in Europe have lower drinking ages and are doing fine. However, when we look at the facts: in 1999, New Zealand conducted an experiment directly testing the argument that a lower drinking age is safe for teenagers. The government lowered the drinking age to

18 years old, and the number drunk driving accidents increased. There was a 50 percent increase in the number of intoxicated patients at the Auckland Hospital within 12 months. A European school survey project in 2003 resulted in less than a quarter of European countries have lower intoxication rates than the United States. According to a Pan Europe survey, the number of minors hospitalized for alcohol poisoning in England has increased by 11 percent since 1995. From 2003-2004, 4647 minors were hospitalized for alcohol poisoning: 13 people a day.

The Insurance Institute for Highway Safety (IIHS) had institutional research done in the 1960s when several states' drinking laws were lowered. More people were involved in late night fatal car accidents in these states. When the drinking age was restored back to age 21, fatal crashes lowered by a 28 percent. The zero tolerance laws and higher drinking ages in America are helping us avoid the catastrophic alcohol poisoning and binge drinking that European countries have to deal with. According to the British Broadcasting Network, England is trying to raise the drinking age to 21 years of age because of its success in the United States. These laws are only to insure that young people begin their lives on the right track. We have our whole lives to enjoy alcohol and it is important for all of us to focus on our futures instead of alcohol.

That's What She Said... ({})



Nadia Mahallati
Editor-In-Chief

In honor of this year's production of "The Vagina Monologues," I'm going to focus on vaginas. That's right, va jay jays.

Many women are unhappy with their below the belt appearance. Just as Hollywood has given women unrealistic beauty ideals, porn has given women unrealistic expectations about what their vagina should look like.

Pornography is gaining more social acceptance and the industry is booming. Adult film superstar Jenna Jameson even has a book called *How to Make Love Like a Porn Star*. It is one thing to desire the skills of a porn star; it is a totally different thing to

want to look like one.

I'm no porn connoisseur, but I've seen enough to know that 95% of the women look the same-- tanorexic blond bimbos who seem to love their job. All their vaginas look the same, too-- hairless, pierced, and with minimal to no inner labia.

Women outside the industry are now trying to get their vaginas to look like what they, and their

boyfriends, see onscreen. Any time you shove a metal rod through your skin there are risks involved, but genital piercing can increase sensitivity and can be removed later in life. Brazilian waxes hurt too, but again, are only temporary.

However, some women are taking more drastic measures. The American Society of Plastic Surgeons reported 1,030 women had "vaginal rejuvenations" in 2006, and that number is expected to increase. This figure includes all kinds of vaginal surgeries, most of which are not medically necessary. Surgery is very permanent, much more dangerous than a piercing, and hurts a hell of a lot more than ripping off wax.

Two of these surgeries particularly disturb me: labiaplasties and hoodectomies. In a labiaplasty, a surgeon uses a scalpel to reduce the inner

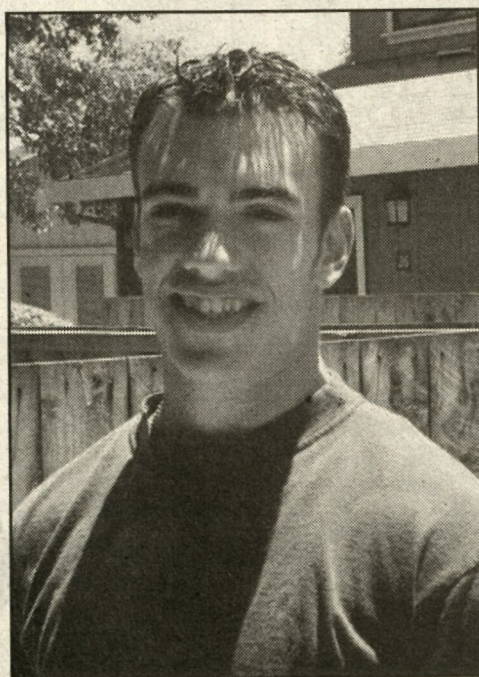
labia, most often for cosmetic reasons. Hoodectomies remove the protective hood covering the clitoris for increased sensitivity and is rarely medically necessary. Each surgery costs at least \$5,000 and leaves the vagina sore and swollen for several months. There is also a possibility of permanently decreased sensitivity due to nerve damage.

I am sure some vaginas are more visually appealing than others, just as some people have nicer looking faces than others. But just like with faces, what one person finds attractive in a vagina could be different than what others do. Why is the vagina's standard based on what some old man producing porn thinks is beautiful?

Maybe I'll be more accepting of vaginal "beautification" surgeries when guys get penile implants and electrolysis on their balls.

FUNNY CLASS NOTES Litter with Care

Matt Brady
Humor Columnist



Like most college students, I binge drink. Coffee, that is. Mornings are too harsh to face without the companionship of warm caffeine, so I begin my day with 16 ounces of the real Maxwell House deal. No instant brew for me, I march down to the local java depot and pay three times the market rate for...well, for

a cup of overpriced coffee.

One morning I happened to glance at my coffee cup -- a cheap contrivance adorned with modern commercial art -- and read the notice: "100% Biodegradable."

Biodegradable, for those of you who couldn't get past the third syllable, means readily compostable. You know

those warm and smelly compost piles your grandma used to keep under her sink? The material of my cup was compost minus a few weeks decomposition time.

Can you say appetizing?

So there I was, standing in the cold with a fresh cup of joe, waiting for the recycled fibers to start falling apart and give me my second warm shower of the day, when it hit me like a bad mid-term grade: Where should I dispose of my cup?

Tossing a carefully engineered, enviro-friendly container in with all the other landfill garbage seemed like a big waste, pun intended (sorry). But I couldn't justify placing it with the aluminum cans either.

And while the cup was environmentally friendly, the lid was made of unrecycled petroleum-based plastic, which would resist rot for decades. The cardboard insulation sleeve promised similar decomposition stubbornness.

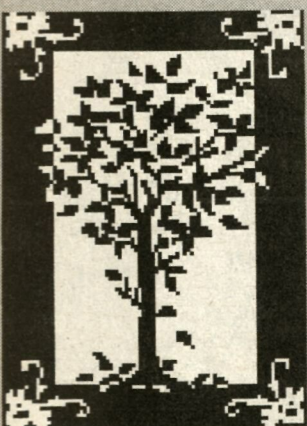
I would have to throw it out in parts, like a serial killer disposing of a body.

But what of the coffee inside my cup?

It was probably made from conflict roast farmed by underprivileged farmers on the "wrong" side of Columbia. And the cocoa in the mocha was arguably from child laborers in the Congo. And the half and half was probably sucked from abused cattle masquerading as "happy cows" in the cheese commercials.

So I dug a hole in Knoles lawn and laid my cup to rest.

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Poetry Revival: *Ai*

Jeffrey Morgan
Poetry Columnist

Florence Anthony was born in Albany, Texas in 1947 but grew up in Tucson, Arizona. She claims to descend from Japanese, Choctaw-Chickasaw, Black, Irish, Southern Cheyenne, and Comanche ancestry. As an adult she changed her name legally to "Ai," the Japanese word for "love." Her career in poetry as led to accomplishments in literature such as *The American Book Award* and *The National Book*

Award for poetry. She currently lives in Tucson, Arizona and continues to write.

What most impresses me about Ai's poetry is her amazing ability to dramatically portray realistic circumstances emphasizing the darkness that lies beneath the surface of certain everyday lives. Secondly, she often makes the speaker of the poem some member of a dark or ignored part of society. I chose this particular poem in liou of "The Vagina Monologues" which is being performed on campus this week. This poem is written from the perspective not of the abused but of the abuser. I have never read a poem so chilling on the subject.

As far as I can ascertain, the effectiveness of this poem comes in its profound imagery. The imagery is scary, graphic, and at times very sexual. However, what really perplexes the reader is why the imagery about the abuser is so vivid while the imagery of the act is so bare. To bear her as she goes for her food bowl is far less graphic and sexual as the mother stroking her belt. There is another element that creeps from beneath the surface in this poem. It sounds like a monologue in many ways and from the verbal implication of the speaker we learn details about the situation that are not readily

apparent on first reading. The rhythm seems to mask the fact that the child is deprived of food until the next line. We do not even learn that the speaker is a woman until the reference to pregnancy on line eight. The poem seems to focus on what is implied and imagined as much as what is explicitly done making lines like the last one so powerful in that they leave the reader to imagine the implications of such a horrible statement. The brilliance of this poem is felt physically as the chilling realization of what has just been read.

Child Beater

*Outside, the rain, pinafore of gray water, dresses the town
and I stoke the leather belt,
as she sits in the rocking chair,
holding a crushed paper cut to lips.
I yell at her, but she keeps rocking;
back, her eyes open, forward, they close.
Her body, somehow fat, though I feed her only once a day,
Reminds me of my own just after she was born.
It's been seven years, but I still can't forget how I felt.
How heavy it feels to look at her.*

*I lay the belt on a chair
and get her dinner bowl.
I hit the spoon against it, set it down
and watch her crawl to it,*

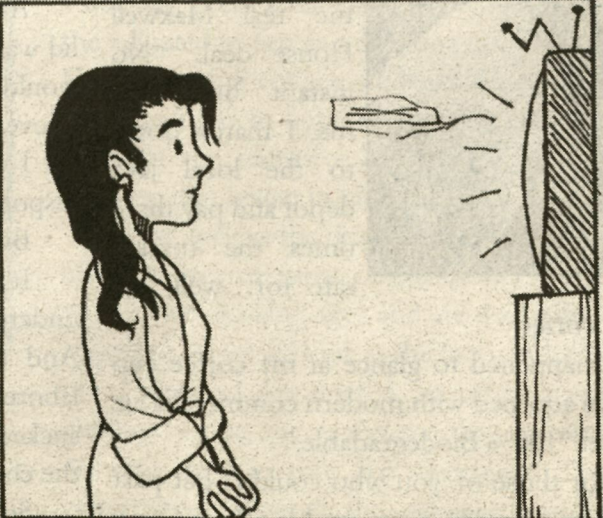
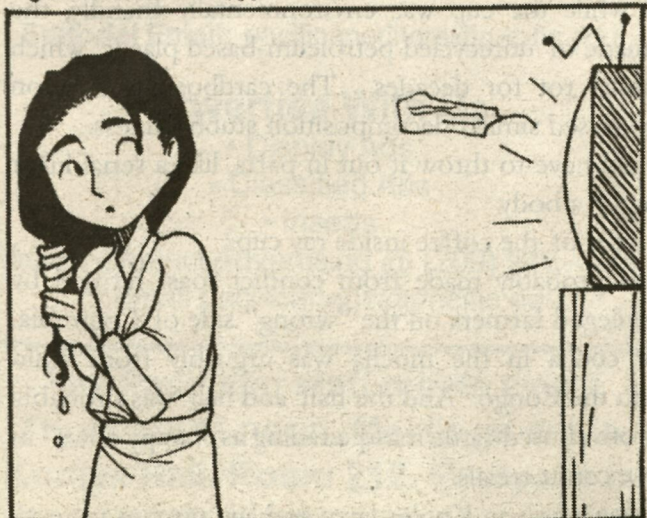
*pausing after each forward thrust of her legs
and when she takes her first bite,
I grab the belt and beat her across the back
until her tears, beads of salt-filled glass, falling,
shatter on the floor.*

*I move off. I let her eat,
while I get my dog's chain leash from the closet.
I whirl it around my head.
O daughter, so far, you've only had a taste of icing,
Are you ready now for some cake?*

Bordelon - Glynnis Koike



UoParanormal - Glynnis Koike



April Fools' Day:

A Prankster's Paradise

Heather Breen
Staff Writer

April 1 is just around the corner, and for many college students, this is the perfect day to pull a prank on those annoying floor mates down the hall or that guy who always has the right answer in your 8 a.m. class. Many Pacific Students were kind enough to share their own experiences on this fateful day.

Pacifican's Editor-in-Chief Nadia Mahallati said her most memorable April Fools' Day was when an old boyfriend pulled a prank on her. He unexpectedly called her at 2 a.m. with a convincingly drunk voice and said "I'm so sorry...I was at a party...and I cheated on you." Mahallati says that her response was somewhere in between "Can we talk about this tomorrow when I'm not asleep?" and "How could you?!!" Later on in the conversation, her boyfriend asked her the date and it was then that the real intention of his phone call became clear.

Junior and English major Meghan Connor fondly remembers a prank she pulled as a freshman at University of Illinois. Connor stated "My roommate and I decided to get back at some girls on our floor. We had community bathrooms like most underclassmen dorms do, where girls would leave their buckets filled with their bathroom things, like their hairdryers. The night before April 1, we snuck into the bathroom late at night when we knew no one would be there and dumped about one cup of baby powder into all of the left out hair dryers on the counter. When all the girls went to dry their hair the next morning they got a nice little surprise."

Another friend of mine, who would like to remain anonymous, said the best prank she ever pulled involved condoms, shampoo, and some unsuspecting roommates. She decided to fill condoms with shampoo and sneak them in between the sheets of her roommates' beds. When the roommates discovered that "used condoms" were in their beds, they freaked out and refused to go near the area. The truth of the shampoo-containing condoms was eventually revealed so the roommates could sleep with ease.

My own experience on the receiving end of a prank is just as memorable. In high school, I took an AP Psychology course in which the instructor gave us an assignment to "learn to juggle." He justified this assignment by saying it would help us understand the learning processes that are fundamental to all organisms. As an un-coordinated individual, this project was a pain. I (and a few of my close friends) spent hours practicing for the "juggling test" when we could have spent time studying for the AP test or just having fun instead. On the day of the test, the instructor announced that the entire assignment was just a joke.

For those of you who have never set up a prank on April Fools, Junior and Mechanical Engineering major Aric Evins was kind enough to share the many simple pranks he has pulled on his parents over the years: Putting scotch tape on faucet so it squirts the user, switching the salt and sugar, vigorously shaking all sodas, mixing vegetable oil in with liquid hand soap.

A note to the brave and/or stupid: Please undertake pranks at your own will. The Pacifican is NOT responsible for the consequences.

Recommendations of the Week

Providing you with arts & entertainment to check out

Movie:

Run Fatboy Run.

A chunky, clueless guy leaves his pregnant fiancée on their wedding day only to discover 5 years later that she is his one true love. But in order to win back her heart, he looks to finish his first marathon while making her realize her new man is the wrong guy for her.

Stars Simon Pegg, Rated PG-13, 100 min.

TV Show:

America's Best Dance Crew.

Interactive reality game show featuring street dance crews from the United States.

MTV, 60 min., Thursdays, 10:00 p.m.

Music:

"I Remember," Keyshia Cole

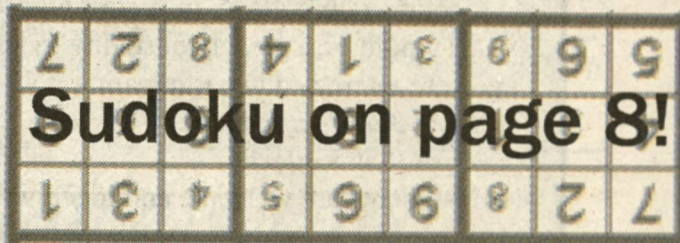
"In Love With A Girl," Gavin Degraw

"Babylon," David Gray

Books:

The Finder, By Colin Harrison

Jin Li has been running a scam on Tom Reilly and his company, Good Pharma, by stealing information under the cover of a paper-shredding operation.



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You Know You Grew Up in the 90s When...

Cristy Yadon
Staff Writer

You know you grew up in the 90s when attending a 90s tribute concert, you can, and do, sing every word to every song. Such was the case for almost everyone in attendance at the 90s Tribute Night presented by Musical Fusion.

The show took place on Thursday, March 20 from 8 p.m. to 10 p.m. at the Summit, and included performances by three campus bands: Awesome: The Band, Alida, and Avon Union. Each band took their turn covering some of the best, and worst, songs from the 1990s.

Awesome: The Band was first to play, effectively starting the show with a performance of the theme song from "Doug". They went on to play a medley of acoustic covers including "All I Have to Give" by the Backstreet Boys, "Forgot About Dre" by Eminem and Dr. Dre, and "Pretty Fly for a White Guy" by the Offspring.

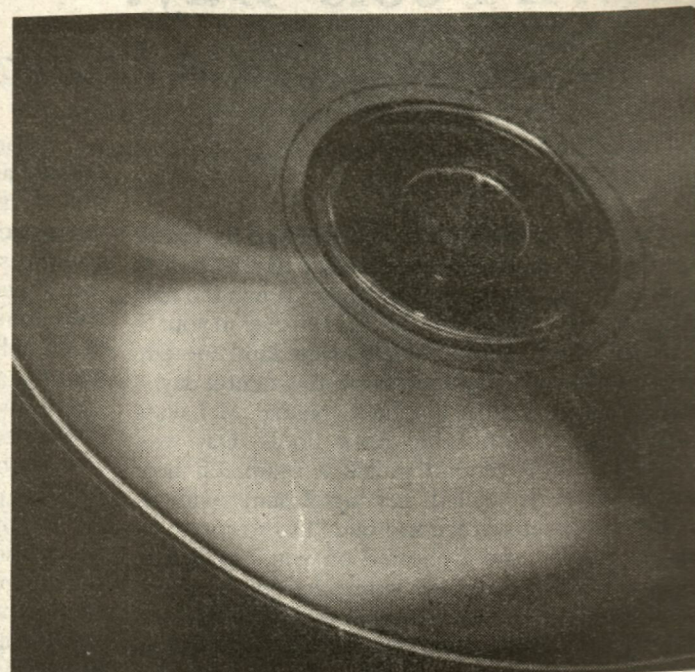
Throughout the performance, the guys added

jabs at one another and comedic conversations to keep the audience hooked.

Alida decided to turn up the volume taking a rock approach to each song they played, and, in some cases, their versions of songs like "Hit Me Baby One More Time" by Britney Spears and "Tearin' Up My Heart" by N'Sync, were even better than the originals. They did not only stick to hit pop songs, giving tribute to the Grunge movement by performing a cover of a Nirvana song.

Avon Union, like the previous two bands, covered all ends of the 90s music spectrum. They performed a cover of "Father of Mine" by Everclear, and a great rendition of "Candy" by Mandy Moore.

The show was entertaining, funny, and a bit nostalgic. Each band had their own style and were able to showcase their originality and creativity. Musical Fusion has plans for more shows, so keep your eyes and ears peeled!



ASuop: Wanna Get Involved?

Of course you do! ASuop is currently seeking student participation for committees regarding various student life topics. This would be a great opportunity to voice your opinion on how to make Pacific a more student-centered university. If you are interested in participating, join us in ASuop at the following times:

April 3 at Pacific Hour

April 9 at 5:30 p.m.

All students are welcome and lunch will be provided!

Giovanna Arieta
ASuop Communications Executive

P.S. – Talib Kweli tickets are still on sale in the ASuop office! Only \$12 for students!

Sudoku

Fill in the blank squares so that each row, each column and each 3 by 3 block contain all of the digits 1 through 9.

intermediate

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ANSWERS

intermediate

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challenging

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Pharmacy's Got Talent

Cristy Yadon
Staff Writer

On Wednesday, March 19, the Beta Omega Chapter of Rho Chi presented the "Around the World Talent Show" in the Rotunda of the Thomas J. Long School of Pharmacy. All members of the pharmacy school were invited to participate and compete for the monetary prizes of first, second, and third place.

The night was full of energy and talent. The three judges for the night adopted the roles of Paula, Randy, and Simon of American Idol, and gave brief comments and contributed comedic performances of their own at the end of each act.

A wide range of acts graced the stage during the two hour show—some more impressive than others, but all very entertaining. The Tofu Fighters, Evan Moran, Ian Huey and Jern Liu, Rona Foronda and Carlos Martinez, Manny Fresh and Dboy, and Daniel Wang performed acoustic vocal performances, while Anastasia Sajuthi, Thu-Anh Le, Tiffany Chak, Rho Pi Phi active members, Bao-Chau Tran, Claire Nguyen, Chanh Le, and the Tiger Dancers showed off their dance moves. Scott Evans and Daniel Perez performed for comedic appeal the act of "Dueling Banjos".

The show wrapped up with performances by the pledge classes of Kappa Psi, Phi Delta Chi, Rho Pi Phi, and Lambda Kappa Sigma. Kappa Psi followed tradition and performed "My Girl," Phi Delta Chi performed a rhythmic production with stomping and drumming on trash cans called "Pharmacist Drumming Complex," Rho Pi Phi re-enacted moments from "Hairspray," and Lambda Kappa Sigma performed a dance routine entitled "7 Wonders of UOP." The four pledge classes were judged separately from the rest of the competition.

In the end, awards were given for Best Dressed Traveler, Best Fraternity Pledge Class Performance, and the top three Best Overall Performances. The Best Dressed Traveler award was given to Ricky Patel of the Kappa Psi pledge class, who went for comedy and simply wore a towel on his head as a turban. The Best Fraternity Pledge Class was awarded to the creative performance of Phi Delta Chi. Finally, the top three performances were awarded to Ian Huey's operatic performance of "Confrontation" from the musical Jekyll and Hyde, accompanied by Jern Liu for first place, Rona Foronda and Carlos Martinez with a cover of "Such Great Heights" by the Postal Service for second, Manny Fresh and Dboy Presents: "Prescription for Hip-Hop" trailing for third place.

Extraordinary Panhellenic Women

Rosie Burrell
Vice President of Public Relations, Panhellenic

February's Panhellenic Woman of the Month:
Jessica Caldwell

Because of her determination to cross cultural borders, Jessica Caldwell was chosen as February's Panhellenic Woman of the Month. This SIS major and Kappa Alpha Theta sister spent the 2006-2007 school year abroad in China, and is now a fluent speaker in Chinese. She plans to move to China with Model UN after she graduates in the spring.

As a member of the Greek community, Jessica was able to get more students involved in the charity clothing drive she helped to run, which benefited four global charities in various countries. She is extremely well versed in China's economic, political, and social climate, and she incorporates her experiences abroad into all her classes. She enjoys being a part of the Chinese Club, as well as practicing her foreign language skills with other students, and is constantly encouraging others to study abroad, so that they too can experience something new and different.

Jessica's cross-cultural experiences have brought diversity to her chapter in wonderful, mind-opening ways. Her presence not only in the Greek community, but on campus, inspires people around her to learn about other cultures and traditions.

March's Panhellenic Woman of the Month:
Kelly Miller

As a huge part of both Greek life at Pacific and the Field Hockey women's team, Kelly Miller sets forth an example of how to manage and balance her time and passions.

Even though she had suffered an injury last year, Kelly is at every practice and every game bringing positive energy. She is still recovering, but she makes it a point to be an active part of both organizations, including her sorority Kappa Alpha Theta. Her great attitude and determination inspire everyone around her.

Kelly took her love for both groups and combined them. She encouraged athletes to go Greek, and by getting members of her sorority involved in intramural sports. The Susan G. Komen foundation is the charity of the Panhellenic Council. To help, Kelly passed out breast cancer placards to the athletic department. Breast cancer is a concern for women everywhere, and sororities are working to raise money for the foundation. Nevertheless, Kelly is taking the cause to the next step by raising awareness outside of the Greek community.

Kelly is caring, encouraging and full of life, the perfect example of a Greek sorority woman.

Upcoming Events!

University Choruses

March 30, 2:30 p.m.

Morris Chapel

\$6 general admission, \$4 seniors,
and free for students with ID.

A musical performance by the
University's chorus.

Lecture by award-winning science journalist David Dobbs

March 31, 7:00 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.

Pacific Theatre, Stockton Campus

Free and open to the public

Award-winning science writer David
Dobbs will deliver the lecture "The
Achieving Brain: The Neuroscience of
Learning and Expertise"

The event is being presented by
Pacific's Center for Teaching and
Learning.

Unity And Creativity Through Jazz

March 31, 7:30 p.m.

Faye Spanos Concert Hall

Bob Mintzer is a world-renowned jazz saxophonist, composer and arranger, who in addition to his work as a soloist, big band leader, and recording artist, is a member of the Yellowjackets. The Brubeck Institute Jazz Quintet is comprised of the Brubeck Institute Fellows, in residence at the University of the Pacific. The Open World Jazz Octet is a group of outstanding Russian jazz musicians in residence made possible by a generous grant from the Open World Cultural Leadership Program of the Library of Congress.

Tickets are available at the Pacific
Box Office or at the performance.

Brubeck Festival Symposium

April 2, 2:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Community Room in the Library

The Voice of Freedom

by Keith Hatschek

Assessing the Impact of Dave Brubeck
and Cultural Exchange During the Cold
War

Dave Brubeck: The Exception or the Rule?

by John H. Brown

Some Thoughts on Arts Diplomacy
During the Cold War

Cultural Diplomacy: Its Past and Future
A panel discussion on the effectiveness
of cultural diplomacy during the past
decades and the possibilities for its use
in the future. Panelists include: John H.
Brown, Keith Hatschek, Russell Gloyd,
Vladimir Tarasov, and Gene Bigler,
moderator.

Deepak Ram Quartet

April 2, 7:30 p.m.

Faye Spanos Concert Hall

Deepak Ram is a classical and jazz
bansuri and tabla player from India.

He and his fellow musicians, John
Shifflett, bass, Ricardo Peixoto, guitar,
and Jason Lewis, drums, specialize in
combining of the wonderful sound of
native Indian instruments and tech-
niques with American jazz to create an
unforgettable musical experience.

Tickets are available at the Pacific
Box Office or at the performance.



CHICANO WEEK!

Thursday, March 27th

Western Farmworkers Association

5pm, Knoles 207

A representative will be speaking on the issues fac-
ing farm workers daily in the fields of the Central
Valley.

Friday, March 28

Latino Multicultural Dance

9pm-1am Commons Room

Come join us and dance the night away!

All events are free.

Brought to you by: M.E.Ch.A. de Pacific, Celebrate Diversity, The United
Cultural Council, A.L.A.S., Office of the Assistant Provost of Diversity,
Latino Student Council, Inter-American Program and SIS.

Upcoming Events

*Thursday, March 27*Men's Tennis
vs. Depaul
1:00 p.m.*Saturday, March 29*Softball
vs. Cal State Northridge
12:00 p.m.
2:00 p.m.*Sunday, March 30*Softball
vs. Cal State Northridge
12:00 p.m.*Thursday, April 3*Softball
vs. Nevada
2:00 p.m.*Friday, April 4*Baseball
vs. UC Santa Barbara
6:00 p.m.Men's Volleyball
vs. Long Beach State
7:00 p.m.*Saturday, April 5*Baseball
vs. UC Santa Barbara
6:00 p.m.Softball
vs. UC Davis
12:00 p.m.Women's Tennis
vs. Cal State Fullerton
1:00 p.m.Men's Volleyball
vs. UC San Diego
7:00 p.m.*Sunday, April 6*
Women's Tennis
vs. UC Irvine
11:00 a.m.*Wednesday, April 9*
Men's Tennis
vs. San Francisco
4:00 p.m.*Friday, April 11*
Men's Volleyball
vs. UC Irvine
7:00 p.m.Tigers Drop Series Finale With
No. 17 Cardinal**Athletic Media Relations**

The Pacific baseball team dropped a 14-0 decision to No. 17 Stanford in the final game of a three-game non-conference baseball series at Klein Family Field on Monday, March 24.

Pacific fell to 5-16 while Stanford improved to 10-5 on the year.

In the first start of the season for junior Casey Neimeyer, the Cardinals struck for five runs in the first inning. After Neimeyer retired the first two batters, the next six Cardinal batters reached base. Back-to-back RBI doubles by Sean Ratliff and Austin Yount gave Stanford a 3-0 lead, with Yount's accounting for two runs. Zach Jones followed with an RBI single, and Jeff Whitlow drove in Jones with a triple to the left-center gap.

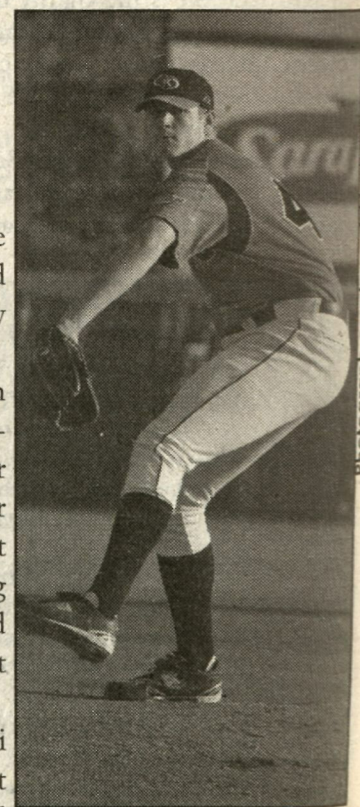
Stanford added a run in the fourth on a sacrifice fly by Cord Phelps. Two more were plated on an RBI single by Brandon Domaracki in the sixth inning. A pinch-hit two-

run home run over the left field wall by Brent Millville gave the Cardinal a 10-0 lead in the seventh inning. Stanford added two more runs on RBI doubles in the seventh by pinch-hitter Toby Gerhart and Phelps.

Millville added another two-run home run in the eighth inning, to make it 14-0. The Cardinal out-hit the Tigers 16-5, including 11 extra base hits. Neimeyer took the loss for the Tigers, falling to 0-1. Jeffrey Inman earned the win for the Cardinal, giving up just three hits and striking out eight over six innings. He took a no-hitter into the fifth inning and improves to 2-0 on the season. Max Fearnow pitched the final three innings for the Cardinal to pick up his first save of the year, allowing one run and three hits.

In his first appearance of 2008, junior Joey Centanni pitched four innings in relief for the Tigers, allowing just one run on three hits. Sophomore Hunter Carnevale retired the Cardinal in order in the ninth.

Senior Adam Ching had three of Pacific's five hits.



Casey Neimeyer started the game strong with back to back outs, delaying the Cardinals' domination of the game

Tigers Drop A Pair At Sacramento State

Pacific Softball fell in a doubleheader to the Hornets for the first time since 1995

Athletic Media Relations

For the first time since 1995, the Pacific softball team dropped a doubleheader to Sacramento State, falling 3-2 and 7-4 to the Hornets on Friday, March 21. The losses dropped Pacific to 18-18 on the year while the Hornets improved to 18-11.

Sporting a their first four game winning streak of the season and a five game winning streak over the Hornets dating back to 2004, the Tigers could not come through with their first road wins of the 2008 season.

In the opening game, Pacific got on the scoreboard in its first at bats, posting a single run in the top of the first. Junior Casey Goldsand started the inning off for the Tigers with a slap to the left side, legging out a one-out infield single. With Goldsand aboard, sophomore Kellee Wilson walked and freshman Nicole Matson singled up the middle to give the Tigers the bases loaded with only one out in the inning.

With runners at every base, senior Alyce Jorgensen delivered for Pacific, singling down the leftfield line to plate the first Tiger run. That run would be the only run Pacific would manage to score in the inning as the Tigers would leave the bases loaded in the inning. The Tigers would again leave the bases loaded in the fifth inning with nothing to show for their efforts as they left nine runners on base throughout the game.

Pacific's one run lead quickly evaporated as the Hornets jumped on the Tigers in the bottom of the first, scoring a pair of runs to take the lead, a lead that they would not relinquish. Just as the Tigers had done in the first half of the inning, the Hornets loaded the bases on the Tigers with only one out, however, Sacramento State would get two runs on a double down the left field line by Rachel Miles.

Four innings later, the Hornets would add an insurance run in the fifth inning, tallying an unearned run that would be the difference in the game. With the deficit at two runs, Pacific would score a single run in the sixth, receiving their own unearned run on a pair of Hornet errors in the inning.

The loss was charged to junior Chelsea Engle as she dropped to 12-7

on the year. Engle gave up seven hits and two walks while striking out five in six innings pitched. Kayla Meeks picked up the win for the Hornets while Brittani Clifford tallied the save in the contest. Meeks gave up six hits and two runs in six innings of work while walking three and striking out four.

The second game of the day continued Pacific's bad day as a quick two run lead disappeared behind a three run first for the Hornets. Wilson continued to have a strong showing at the plate for the Tigers, doubling down the leftfield line to knock in her first RBI of the day. She would later come around to score Pacific's second run of the game on an error by the Hornets in the field. In the second, the Tigers scored twice more, again on a double down the leftfield line by Wilson, this time scoring two runs. Wilson's double plated both freshman Lindsey Pierce and senior Lauren Sandelin who had reached on a walk and a single, respectively.

Despite the lead, Pacific's pitching struggled again as Jorgensen gave up six hits and six runs as the Tigers' starter, two days after throwing a one-hitter against Princeton. In the first, the Hornets took advantage of a pair of walks and three hits to do their damage against Jorgensen. In the second, Sacramento State again scored three runs to answer Pacific's two in the top half of the inning, stringing together four consecutive singles to start the inning to post their three runs.

The Hornets would tack on an insurance run in the bottom of the sixth against junior Heidi Helberg (Brentwood, Calif.) to bring their game total to seven runs.

Jorgensen picked up the loss to drop to 3-6 on the year. In addition to six hits, Jorgensen walked two and struck out two in one inning pitched. Helberg, who relieved Jorgensen in the second after the first three hits of the inning, pitched five innings, relinquishing five hits and one run while walking one and striking out two.

Clifford picked up the win for the Hornets, once again coming into the contest in relief, this time in the second inning for Megan Schaefer. Clifford gave up five hits, one walk and struck out six in six innings of work.

Scoreboard

Wednesday, March 19

Softball

vs. Princeton

W, 6-1

W, 3-2

Thursday, March 20

Men's Volleyball

vs. UC Santa Cruz

W, 3-2

Friday, March 21

Baseball

vs. Stanford

W, 10-6

Softball

vs. Sacramento State

L, 3-2

L, 7-4

Women's Water Polo

vs. Cal State Northridge

L, 7-6 (OT)

Men's Volleyball

vs. New Jersey Tech

W, 3-1

Saturday, March 22

Baseball

vs. Stanford

L, 7-3

Men's Volleyball

vs. New Jersey Tech

W, 3-0

Monday, March 24

Baseball

vs. Stanford

L, 14-0

Men's Golf

Oregon Duck Classic

1st of 11 teams

Athlete Profiles: *Chelsea Engle*

Rachel Freeman
Staff Writer

To Chelsea Engle, playing Division I softball is more than just playing a game. To her, it is a privilege and something she loves everyday – both the hard work and the fun that comes with playing. Engle is a junior pitcher on the Pacific softball team. She is the team's number one starter, having made 22 appearances this season, and currently holds a 12-7 record (as of 3/25/08).

However, Engle had to fight for her spot. "I wasn't always the starting pitcher. I had a rough freshman year and was sometimes used for relief," Engle says. All of that has certainly changed. Engle has 118 strikeouts in 124 innings pitched and is the rock in the circle for the team.

Engle's favorite Pacific softball moment was playing in the NCAA Regionals last year. "The overall atmosphere, competition and intensity of every game played there was incredible. It really drives our team to want to go back and go further after that experience," Engle recalls.



Engle (right) speaks to catcher Karie Wilson (left) during a game

Photograph courtesy of Media Relations

This season Engle says, "Our team looks good. We are improving each game." After her collegiate softball career is over at Pacific, Engle hopes to "play professionally or in Europe before working for some kind of professional sports team. "I would like to be involved in special event planning or anything that relates to public relations," Engle says.

Softball has taught Engle a lot about life. "Playing softball has definitely helped me gain tools that I will need for the future and in my career. It has taught me the rewards of hard work, discipline, and teamwork. I have never worked so hard in my life on and off the field but it is the best experience. It is exhausting, but I remind myself that there are plenty of girls who would love to be in my shoes," Engle says.

Based on Engle's success in the circle, it is no surprise that hard work and discipline have helped her get where she is today. If her softball statistics are any indication of the success she will have after college, she is sure to be a standout.

William Milcovich

Heather Breen
Staff Writer

Will Milcovich is a Junior Psychology major who spends the majority of his time training for and playing Water Polo.

Milcovich hails from Danville, California. He began playing water polo in eighth grade after his older brothers introduced him to the sport. Will became especially interested in the sport once he learned "water polo combined wrestling, basketball, and swimming tactics into one very competitive sport."

In high school, Milcovich was chosen as the "Contra Costa Times Player of the Year." He also placed First Team All American and was named MVP of the North Coast section.

These awards landed Will an athletic and academic scholarship to Pacific, where he is the driver/shooter on the Men's Water Polo Team.

A typical day as a student athlete is tough. Milcovich says that during the off season, his day begins at "5:30 a.m. when his roommate and teammate Shane wakes him up for morning practice at 6 a.m." Practice lasts until 8 a.m., and then Will is off to class until mid afternoon. Sometimes he has time for "a bite to eat and a short nap" before he is back for another 2 hour practice in the evening. The rest of his night is spent eating dinner, doing schoolwork, catching

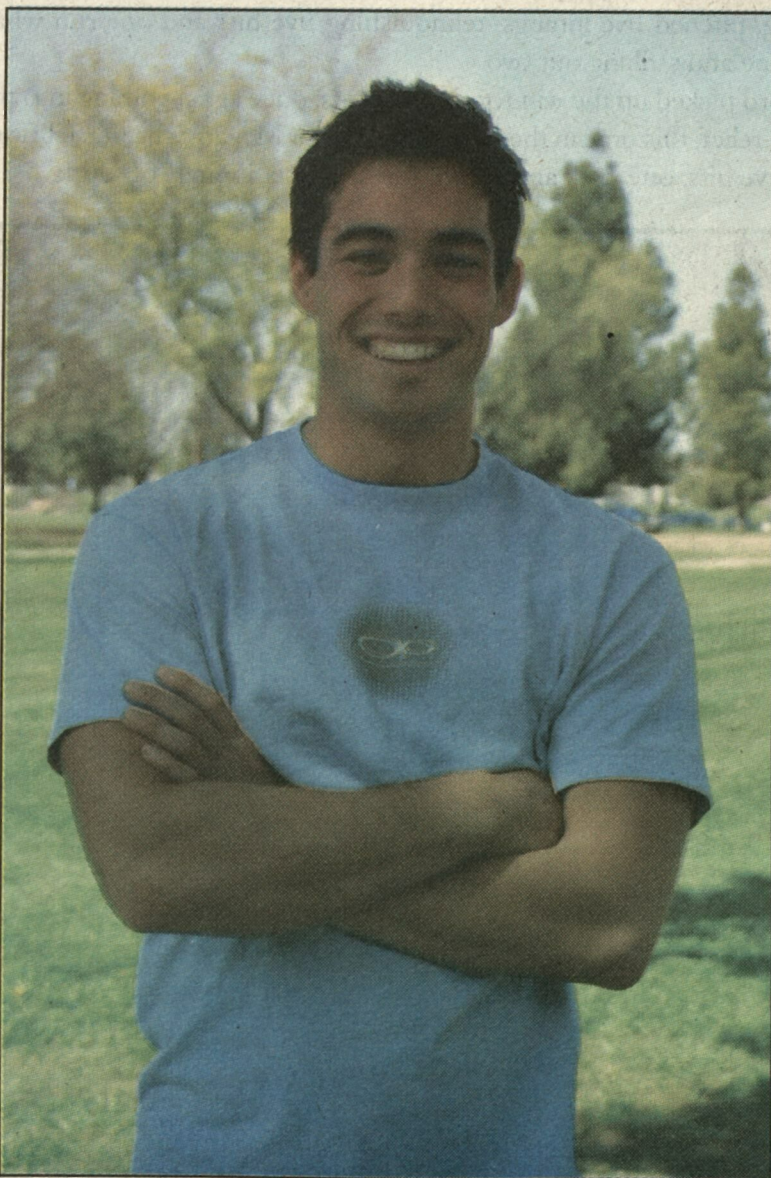
up with friends, and then preparing for another early morning practice the following day.

Milcovich admits that it can be a struggle to balance schoolwork and the demands of his sport, but he still loves playing water polo above all else. His favorite part about being a student athlete is "working as a team and committing [myself] to something that does not always glorify an individual but applauds the success of a group effort."

Milcovich points to an example when his individual action resulted in a team victory. He recalls beating Stanford University, one of the top four teams in the nation, after "drawing an ejection on an opponent which led to Matt Mitchell scoring the winning goal." Milcovich remarks "I think this will go down as one of the biggest wins in our programs history."

Currently, Milcovich is focused on helping the team get to the conference tournament where he hopes to contribute to the team's success.

In his free time, Will likes to "relax, hang out with my friends, do a little artwork, and go fishing." After graduation in 2009, Will aspires to play "semi-pro water polo in Australia for a year." With his competitive nature and commitment to the sport, Will is well on his way to making it "Down Under".



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